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REMARKS

The application has been amended. Claim 21 has been cancelled. After entry of this amendment, Claims 10-12, 14 and 17-20 will be pending.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by Bartlett et al. (WIPO Pub. No. 99/00536). As noted above, Claim 21 has been cancelled. Thus, this objection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that at page 4 of the Office Action, Claims 10-12, 14 and 17-20 have been included as being in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the application, including Claims 10-12, 14 and 17-20, are in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this application in further detail, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone at (973) 331-1700.

Respectfully submitted,

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